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## Free Talk

[www.postcrossing.com](http://www.postcrossing.com) → postcard exchange website

Official language 官方语言

Lunar new year 农历新年

Chinese new year 中国新年



我们在讨论该如何与外国友人介绍

在遇到有类似文化的（马来西亚、越南.....）要怎么说

## Homework Analysis

### Picture Description



This is a coastal scene. At the top of the picture rises a towering mountain, made entirely of exposed rock, giving it a cold and weathered appearance. Behind it stretches a range of rolling mountains, bare and treeless. At the foot of the mountains lie rocks and the sea. Rocks of various shapes extend into the deep blue water, which is calm and unruffled. On the rocks along the shore sits a small village in a European style: sloping roofs paired with white windows, with houses mainly in deep orange, along with some in white and green. Almost every house is supported by pillars driven into the cracks of the rocks below, holding the buildings elegantly yet firmly. The scene seems to let one feel the gentle sea breeze blowing through the entire village.

观察十分细致 → 积极、积极、积极

用词很高级

描述有层次感 → 整体、背景、前景、远景 外加整体氛围

句子以偏正、独立状语

营造画面感

At the foot of the mountains lie rocks and the sea. Rocks of various shapes extend into the deep blue water, which is calm and unruffled.

#### Forrest 改:

At the foot of the mountains lie rocks and the sea. Rocks of various shapes extend into the deep blue water, which is calm and unruffled.

这里有几个“完整句子”? → comma splice (逗号连接完整句子)

① At the foot of the mountains lie rocks and the sea

② rocks of various shapes extend into the deep blue water, which is calm and unruffled.

On the rocks along the shore sits a

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small village in a European style: sloping roofs paired with white windows, with houses mainly in deep orange, along with some in white and green.	small village in a European style, <u>with</u> sloping roofs and white windows. Most of the houses are deep orange, with some in white and green.
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↑ 将句子拆分一下

做烤冷面需要三种主要食材：冷面、鸡蛋和辣椒酱。

1. 冷面
2. 鸡蛋
3. 辣椒酱

冒号后面的内容可以直接变成一个清楚、对称的列表，所以冒号用得安全的～

↑Forrest 上课讲的例子↑

复杂结构（前面是倒装句） + 冒号 = 风险倍增！！

BUT → If you can easily turn what comes after the colon into a list, then a colon might work.

什么意思呢？冒号后面的内容，Forrest 可以很自然、容易地改写成一个清晰的、结构对称的列表，用冒号是比较安全的

比如：

① The village has three main features: sloping roofs, white windows, and brightly coloured houses.

冒号后面的内容可以列成：

\*sloping roofs

\*white windows

\*brightly coloured houses

清楚、并列、没有歧义，都属于 features～

② On the rocks along the shore sits a small village in a European style: sloping roofs paired with white windows, with houses mainly in deep orange, along with some in white and green.

冒号后面的内容可以列成:

\*sloping roofs paired with white windows (描述建筑外观特征)

\*with houses mainly in deep orange (with 是依附结构, 不能独立站立, 本质是补充说明)

\*along with some in white and green (along with = “顺带一提”, 在补充第二项)

原句是这样:	而不是这样:
主要特征	特征 1
└─ 屋顶 + 窗户	特征 2
└─ 房屋颜色	特征 3
└─ 颜色的补充说明	

结构不统一、with / along with 重复、有的是屋顶, 有的是颜色、有的是补充, 有的是并列.....

这些内容之间的关系不一样, 却被当成同一层级的东西一起写出来了

拓展:

并列 vs. 补充

并列 = 同一类信息, 可以平等地排成一列

屋顶的样子 / 窗户的样子 / 房子的颜色 → 房子的外观特征

补充 = 对前面某个点再多说一点

The houses are painted deep orange, with some in white and green.

deep orange → 主要信息

with some in white and green → 补充说明 (附加细节, 不是新类别)

练习:

下面句子中，加粗并列信息，划线标出补充信息。

1. The houses are painted blue, with some in white.
2. The village has **narrow streets, small cafés, and a church** at the centre.
3. The sea is calm, with gentle waves near the shore.
4. The buildings have **flat roofs, large windows, and balconies** with plants.

练习:

判断下列句子中冒号是否合适。

1. The village has three main features: narrow streets, colourful houses, and a tall church. **V**
2. The houses are built close together: with wooden balconies and flower boxes. **X**
3. The beach is quiet: the water is calm and the sand is clean. **X**
4. The picture shows several details: boats, rocks, and a small lighthouse. **V**

## IGCSE ESL Writing

### Robots Bring More Benefits Than Problems

Robots are becoming common at home and at work, and people have different opinions about this change. Some believe robots make life easier, while others worry about skill loss and unemployment.

In my ~~opion~~ opinion, the benefits of robots are <sup>more obvious</sup> greater than the disadvantages.

Firstly, robots can greatly improve safety in the workplace. Robots

can replace humans in dangerous jobs. For example, robots are

often used in <sup>sites</sup> factories, mines, and construction sites where accidents

<sup>Guard!!</sup> are likely to happen. By doing these high-risk tasks, robots reduce

the chance of injuries and protect workers' lives. As a result,

workplaces become <sup>to employers</sup> safer and more efficient.

论点

分析/解释

例子

更有逻辑的写作  
顺序

需要展开!



Secondly, robots can help families spend more times together. Robots can assist with household chores. They can clean the house, wash dishes, and complete other daily tasks. This saves times and allows people to relax or enjoy activities with their family, improving their quality of life. Therefore, robots can have a positive impact on family relationships.

论点

分析/解释

例子

建议按照这个顺序写。  
例子部分还要展开讨论。

In conclusion, although robots may cause some problems, such as replacing certain jobs, their advantages in improving safety and family life clearly outweigh the disadvantages.

\* 其实两个论述段 Forrest 都是有按照

point

结构写。

↓  
Elaboration

↓  
Example

↓  
Point

! 但是! Elaboration 部分太短了! 而且

Example 仔细分析. 其实也很短. 更多是

融入了 Elaboration.

所以看似结构完整. 但其实 Forrest

把 Elaboration 和 Example 混在一起了.

## Title

Excellent!!!

## Introduction

Excellent!!!

## Body Paragraph 1

Firstly, robots can greatly improve safety in the workplace. Robots can replace humans in dangerous jobs. For example, robots are often used in factories, mines, and construction sites where accidents are likely to happen. By doing these high-risk tasks, robots reduce the chance of injuries and protect workers' lives. As a result, workplaces become safer and more efficient.	Forrest 重新写一下例子:  For example, in mines, robots are sent into unstable tunnels to check for gas leaks or weak structures before workers enter. If a collapse happens, the robot can be damaged, but human lives are protected.
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① Forrest 把本该是 example 的内容，写成了 elaboration 的延伸



在用解释的方式写例子，而不是在用例子的方式给例子

调整过后的 body paragraph 1:

Firstly, robots can greatly improve safety in the workplace. Robots can replace humans in



dangerous jobs. They are often used in dangerous work sites where accidents are likely to happen. By doing these high-risk tasks, robots reduce the chance of injuries and protect workers' lives. For example, in mines, robots are sent into unstable tunnels to check for gas leaks or weak structures before workers enter. If a collapse happens, the robot can be damaged, but human lives are protected. As a result, workplaces become safer and more efficient.

## Body Paragraph 2

Secondly, robots can help families spend more time together. Robots can assist with household chores. They can clean the house, wash dishes, and complete other daily tasks. This saves time and allows people to relax or enjoy activities with their family, improving their quality of life. Therefore, robots can have a positive impact on family relationship.

Forrest 重新写一下例子:

For example, when parents return home from work, robots can clean the house and wash the dishes. This allows families to have dinner together or talk about their day without worrying about unfinished housework.

调整过后的 body paragraph 2:

Secondly, robots can help families spend more time together. Robots can assist with household chores. This saves time and allows people to relax or enjoy activities with their family, improving their quality of life. For example, when parents return home from work, robots can clean the house and wash the dishes. This allows families to have dinner together or talk about their day without

worrying about unfinished housework. Therefore, robots can have a positive impact on family relationship.

## Conclusion

**This is a well-structured and complete conclusion!**

## New Writing Task - In-class Practising

### Exercise 6

- 14 In class, you discussed whether the increasing use of computers and mobile phones for communication has a negative effect on young people's reading and writing skills.

Here are some comments from your classmates:

Texting all the time makes their writing worse.

They actually read and write a lot online every day.

Young people don't read books as much because they're always on their phones.

Using phones doesn't mean they can't read or write well.

**Write an article for your school magazine, giving your views.**

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you can also use some ideas of your own.

**Your article should be between 100 and 150 words long.**

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your article, and up to 6 marks for the language used.

正：电脑和手机的使用会削弱年轻人的读写能力

① 频繁使用缩写和网络语言



长期发短信、聊天时使用缩写和表情，可能导致正式写作中拼写和语法错误增多

② 阅读变得碎片化



手机上的内容通常较短，年轻人习惯快速浏览，缺乏耐心阅读长篇文章或书籍。

反：电脑和手机的使用不会对我们的读写能力造成负面影响

① 用电脑和手机阅读与写作是现代生活的一部分



很多人每天都会在网上阅读新闻、文章和信息，这本身也是一种阅读练习

② 电子设备有助于提高写作准确性



拼写检查和自动纠错功能可以帮助学生发现并改正错误，从而提高写作水平

### **Introduction:**

- ① background: ...
- ② different views: ...
- ③ Forrest's opinion: ...

### **Body Paragraph 1:**

#### **Point:**

digital reading = part of modern life

#### **Explanation:**

daily online reading / large amount of text / different types of content

#### **Example:**

news / articles / learning information online

reading on phones or computers

#### **Link/point:**

digital reading  $\neq$  less reading

reading skills still being practised

### **Body Paragraph 2:**

#### **Point:**

digital devices support writing accuracy

**Explanation:**

built-in writing tools

help notice mistakes

**Example:**

spelling check / auto-correction

**Point/Link:**

writing skills can improve

devices as learning tools

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion / To conclude / In summary / To summarize / All in all / As  
stated above, ...



## Homework 1 - ARTICLE

完成 P11 ~ 13 的 Article

## Homework 2 - Description

